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RHS	3,208,198	9/28/1965	Rubin	—	—	
RHS	3,344,586	10/3/1967	Langley et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,336,730	8/22/1967	McBride et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,350,176	10/31/1967	Green et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,356,538	12/5/1967	Miekka et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,368,329	2/13/1968	Eguchi et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,428,476	2/18/1969	Langley et al.	—	—	
RHS	3,439,474	4/22/1969	McKinley	—	—	
RHS	3,447,288	6/3/1969	Juda et al.	—	—	
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DHS	3,520,803	7/21/1970	Iaconelli	—	—		
DHS	3,534,531	10/20/1970	Eguchi et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,564,819	2/23/1971	Neulander et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,665,680	5/30/1972	Heuser	—	—		
DHS	3,713,270	1/30/1973	Farr et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,761,382	9/25/1973	Hammond et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,839,110	10/1/1974	Shankoff	—	—		
DHS	3,849,076	11/19/1974	Gryaznov et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,881,891	5/6/1975	Goltsov et al.	—	—		
DHS	3,881,897	5/6/1975	Faure et al.	—	—		
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RHS	4,003,725	1/18/1977	Bunn, Jr. et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,056,373	11/1/1977	Rubin	—	—	
RHS	4,078,985	3/14/1978	Takeuchi	—	—	
RHS	4,132,668	1/2/1979	Gryaznov et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,197,152	4/8/1980	Palty et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,238,403	12/9/1980	Pinto	—	—	
RHS	4,248,688	2/3/81	Gartner et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,254,086	3/3/1981	Sanders	—	—	
RHS	4,313,013	1/26/1982	Harris	—	—	
RHS	4,319,923	3/16/1982	Falanga et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,329,157	5/11/1982	Dobo et al.	—	—	
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RHS	4,468,235	8/28/1984	Hill	—	—	
RHS	4,472,176	9/18/1984	Rubin	—	—	
RHS	4,589,891	5/20/1986	Iniotakis et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,650,814	3/17/1987	Keller	—	—	
RHS	4,654,063	3/31/1987	Auvil et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,655,797	4/7/1987	Iniotakis et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,684,581	8/4/1987	Struthers	—	—	
RHS	4,713,234	12/15/1987	Weirich et al.	—	—	
RHS	4,810,485	3/7/1989	Marianowski et al.	—	—	
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RHS	4,999,107	3/12/1991	Guerif	—	—		
RHS	5,126,045	6/30/1992	Kohlheb et al.	—	—		
RHS	5,139,541	8/18/1992	Edlund	—	—		
RHS	5,158,581	10/27/1992	Coplan	—	—		
RHS	5,205,841	4/27/1993	Vaiman	—	—		
RHS	5,215,729	6/1/1993	Buxbaum	—	—		
RHS	5,217,506	6/8/1993	Edlund et al.	—	—		
RHS	5,225,080	7/6/1993	Karbachsch et al.	—	—		
RHS	5,229,102	7/20/1993	Minet et al.	—	—		
RHS	5,259,870	11/9/1993	Edlund	—	—		
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RHS	5,376,167	12/27/1994	Brouin et al.	—	—	
RHS	5,393,325	2/28/1995	Edlund	—	—	
RHS	5,449,848	9/12/1995	Itoh	—	—	
RHS	5,498,278	3/12/1996	Edlund	—	—	
RHS	5,500,122	3/19/1996	Schwartz	—	—	
RHS	5,509,942	4/23/1996	Dodge	—	—	
RHS	5,518,530	5/21/1996	Sakai et al.	—	—	
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RHS	5,525,322	6/11/1996	Willms	—	—	
RHS	5,536,405	7/16/1996	Myrna et al.	—	—	
RHS	5,612,012	3/18/1997	Soma et al.	—	—	
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PHS	5,645,626	7/8/1997	Edlund et al.	—	—	
PHS	5,658,681	8/19/1997	Sato et al.	—	—	
PHS	5,705,082	1/6/1998	Hinson	—	—	
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RHS	5,888,273	3/30/1999	Buxbaum	—	—	
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RHS	5,931,987	8/3/1999	Buxbaum	—	—	
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